ducted this year as the post of the Superintendent was abolished. (Proposals are under consideration for the inspection of these schools).

(6) Yes.

Dental Department—opening of.

9. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a dental department at the General Hospital, Ernakulam or elsewhere;

(b) if so, are there not medical officers already in the service who are eminently qualified to be in charge of the new Department?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes; at the General Hospital, Ernakulam and the Civil Hospital, Trichur.

(b) None.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—May I know what is the qualification required for the officer in charge of the new Department?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He must have a registered qualification as a Dental Surgeon.

Maternity Ward—Chittur Hospital—opening of.

10. Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) whether any representation has been made either to the Government or to His Highness the Maharaja about the need for the opening of Maternity Ward in the Chittur Hospital;

(b) whether the Government have enquired into the said need;

(c) if so, what has been the result of such enquiries;

(d) if answer to (a) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to answer what effect they have given to such representations;

(2) (a) whether there are facilities for maternity ward in any of the hospitals in Chittur Taluk;

(b) whether the doctors have often to attend maternity cases outside hospitals;

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(c) if the answer to (a) be in the negative, will the Government be pleased to open a Maternity Ward in the Chittur Hospital with necessary facilities and make the hospital more attractive?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.-

(1) (a) None that the Government are aware of.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(2) (a) The question is not clear.

(b) They sometimes get occasions to attend to maternity cases in their private practice.

(c) Yes, when funds permit.

Attendance of out-patients and in-patients in hospitals and dispensaries

11. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the average daily attendance of out-patients and in-patients in each of the hospitals and dispensaries in the State in the year 1110?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Vide statement appended. *(Vide Appendix VI).*

Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.— Were not representations made during His Highness' visit about the opening of a maternity ward at Chittur?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.-The department is not aware of it.

Mr. President.—The matter might not have been brought to the notice of the department as yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, the number of beds provided for in the Wadakkancheri dispensary?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.-Sir, the Wadakkancheri dispensary was originally a dispensary which had no in-patient accommodation at all. Subsequently as patients were coming in a few cots were provided and there are at present 12 cots there. Sometimes there are more patients and we have to accommodate them in the verandah.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How long was this going on there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.-I have been noting it for the last 5 years.

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